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## IDAHO GEMSTAR BUILDER HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARDS

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A Boise-area homebuilder is one of only 15 builders around the nation to be honored by the National Association of Homebuilders Research Center for successful approaches to energy efficient construction, state Energy officials have announced.

Chuck Miller, of Chuck Miller Construction, was named a Silver EnergyValue Housing Award winner late last month at the national green building conference in Seattle.

Miller, and the other builders honored, were lauded for their voluntary efforts to integrate energy and resource efficiency into the design, construction and marketing of their new homes.

Miller builds primarily in the Hidden Springs Community. All his homes are certified by the Idaho Energy Division's GemStar program as being high performance energy efficient homes.

"It is an honor for Chuck Miller Construction and Idaho that the company has been cited as one of just a handful of builders around the country to be recognized for their outstanding homes which showcase resource-efficient design, development and construction in the mainstream home building arena," said Anne Brink, who manages the Energy Division's GemStar home efficiency rating program.

For more information on energy efficient GemStar programs and techniques, visit the GemStar website at **www.gemstarratings.com**. You can also contact Brink at the Idaho Energy Division, 327-7976.